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West Basin Winning Tilt With Ocean

The salt content of underground waters in the West Basin has been steadily decreasing since fresh water injection was begun in February, 1953, according to West Basin officials.

A leak in the barrier operation forced a three-day shutdown recently, they said, but the barrier is being maintained at three feet above sea level to insure a steady fresh water supply.

At one time, the sea threatened to move into the West Basin.

Camino Has New Business Course

With the completion of its new Commerce Building, El Camino College is offering a business program designed to give students practical experience in dealing with later problems.

After receiving instruction in business methods, students complete class work in department stores of surrounding cities, rather than in class.

"Behind the counter" experience is provided for students in a miniature store, in which actual sale situations are created for the benefit of students. Merchandise for the small shop—luggage, household wares, and clothing—is loaned to the college by local stores.

A model show window helps to give El Camino students training in arranging window displays for exhibit to campus "shoppers."

In other courses, the program is designed to give students preparation for junior executive positions in various fields. Store organization, management, merchandise control, and displays are considered.

Each student has a training program developed for him through an analysis of his work experience position.

Display of Plymouth's New Cars Wednesday

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Plymouth's bigger and more powerful 1955 model cars will be displayed by dealers throughout the nation beginning Wednesday, Nov. 17, President John F. Mansfield of Plymouth Motor Corp. has announced. The new cars will be shown here at Whiteley Motors, 1600 Cabrillo Ave.

The 1955 Plymouths are entirely new, both in styling and engineering detail, Mansfield said. They are lower, longer and wider than previous Plymouth cars.

They are the most powerful cars Plymouth ever built. The 1955 engines are a 117-horsepower Powerflite six, a 157-horsepower Hy-Fire V-8 and a 167-horsepower Hy-Fire V-8. The latter engine is also available with a four-barrel carburetor and special manifold which increases its horsepower to 177.

Plymouth offers an optional equipment full range of automatic and power assist devices.

Applications For Holiday Play Opened

In order to accommodate the boys and girls wishing to perform in the Christmas program planned for Christmas week by the Torrance Recreation Department, application for try-outs will be taken over the phone at the Recreation Office, FAirfax 8-4108.

Applicants will be notified by card the exact date of tryouts and rehearsals. Everyone interested in participating in the program is urged to get in their application early as only a limited number of boys and girls may participate in the program.

Two Walteria Writers Share Club Spotlight

Two Walteria writers shared the spotlight at the October meeting of Southwest Manuscripters, South Bay organization meeting monthly at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach.

Currently appearing in True Romances is the story "East Pack Gang" by Edward Best. A short story by Elsie Pestoff appears in the October Catholic Home Messenger. An article by Mrs. Pestoff was published in the same magazine last December.

The advanced short story class by Bert Mitchell Anderson originally scheduled for the South Bay will meet at 7:30 Oct. 28 and succeeding Thursday nights in combined session with writers from other city areas. The meeting place will be Writer's League headquarters, 3028 W. Seventh St., Los Angeles.

Unpublished manuscripts for the Christmas contest are due at the November meeting of Southwest Manuscripters. Cash awards for winners will be presented at the Christmas meeting.

Some Evening Classes Still Open-Sheblak

Adults may still enroll in many of the free classes offered by Torrance Evening High School, director Vernon Sheblak announced today.

Home-making courses include classes in lampshade making and millinery, taught by teachers who are experts in their subjects, Sheblak stated.

A complete business training course is available under the direction of Mack Landau who teaches typing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Office Practice, including filing, business machines, office procedures and record keeping on Thursday nights. Beginning and advanced shorthand instruction is available on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Academic classes include mathematics, civics and English. Persons seeking citizenship are invited to enter the U. S. Government and English for Foreign Born classes.

Den Mothers and others interested in working with children's groups and clubs may study crafts under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Balluff.

A child observation class is held on Wednesday mornings at McMaster Park where mothers may bring their pre-school children for play and group training while they engage in Parent Education studies.

Further information may be obtained by calling Torrance Evening High School, FA 2-2772.

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Barry Stitt Service Held

Funeral services for Barry Frederick Stitt, 21-year-old Torrance postman who died Friday of bulbar polio, were held Monday afternoon in Inglewood, with six of his fellow postmen acting as uniformed pallbearers.

Stitt, who lived at 1518 W. 206th St., died less than 40 hours after he first complained of not feeling well. His death was reported in the TORRANCE HERALD Monday.

He is survived by his widow, Melba; two daughters, Judy and Patricia; father, Nova F. Stitt of Los Angeles, and mother, Mrs. Nina DeGuir of Lawndale.

Thieves Cop Copper From Edison Company

Thieves made off with 1818 feet of copper wire from the Edison Company storage lot at 17880 Yukon Ave. sometime within the last two months, company officials reported to Torrance police Wednesday.

The wire is used infrequently, they said, and the loss was not discovered until this week.

Entrance Attempted At Service Station

A drink machine was broken into and the front door tampered with at the General Petroleum filling station at 1851 Sepulveda Blvd., officials told Torrance police.

Detective Capt. Ernie Ashton said an investigation of the break-in is pending.

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